



Case No. 4446D1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Lam et al.

Serial No.: 09/780,600

Filed: February 9, 2001

For: **NUCLEIC ACIDS LABELLED WITH  
EXTENDED RHODAMINE DYES**

) Group Art Unit: 1639

) Examiner: Baker, Maurie Garcia

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action October 31, 2002, please amend the application as follows. A petition for 3-month extension of time is included herewith, extending the deadline for response from January 31, 2003 to April 30, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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